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SUBJ: NAMAIRI TRAVELS

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1. PLANS FOR CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICAN SWING BY PRESIDENT NAMAIRI HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT ITINERARY HAS GONE THROUGH SEVERAL REVISIONS. AS CURRENTLY PLANNED, HE WILL LEAVE KHARTOUM AUGUST 15 AND PAY STATE VISITS TO GABON, IVORY COAST (PERHAPS JOINTLY WITH PRESIDENT BONGO), CAMEROONS AND NIGERIA, AND THEN ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS (SEPT 4). SENEGAL WAS INCLUDED, BUT SUDANESE NOW SEEKING POSTPONMENT IN VIEW DROUGHT AND INABILITY PROVIDE AID TO SENEGAL AS ARRIVAL GIFT.

2. GABONESE AND CAMEROON PRESIDENTS HAVE EACH VISITED KHARTOUM IN RECENT MONTHS AND NAMAIRI'S VISIT WILL BE OF RETURN NATURE. VISIT TO NIGERIA HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR YEARS,
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BUT POSTPONED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INCLUDING NASSER'S

DEATH (1970) AND AFRICAN GAMES(19720) NIGERIAN VISIT
WILL INCLUDE SIGNING OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND DISCUSSION
OF LONGSTANDING NATIONALITY PROBLEM CONCERNING PROBABLY
OVER A MILLION HAJ-BOUND "NIGERIANS" WHO NEVER QUITE
MADE IT TO MECCA (OR BACK TO NIGERIA) OVER THE DECADES.

3. TRIP, OF COURSE, IS FURTHER EFFORT BY NAMAIRI AND GOS
TO STRENGTHEN IMAGE AS AFRICAN LEADER AND STATE. ALSO IN
INITIAL PLANNING STAGE IS LATER VISIT CONCENTRATING
ON WEST AFRICA.
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